

What is claimed is:

1. A computer-implemented method for creating an aggregate print job intended to be printed and cut to create a plurality of individual printed products, the method comprising
receiving individual print jobs, each individual print job having an associated printing parameter identifying the size of printed product to be created from that individual print job,
defining a two-dimensional aggregate print job, the aggregate print job having a plurality of pre-defined individual print job locations arranged in each of its two dimensions, each print job location having a pre-determined size, and
assigning at least some of the received individual print jobs to individual print job locations in the aggregate print job such that the size of the product to be printed from the individual print job corresponds to the size of the assigned location in the aggregate print job.
2. The method of claim 1 wherein each product size is one of at least two different standard product sizes and wherein the aggregate print job has individual print job locations of at least two different sizes, each location size in the aggregate print job being one of the at least two standard sizes.
3. The method of claim 2 wherein a portion of the received individual print jobs are of a first standard size and another portion of the received individual print jobs are of a second standard size and wherein individual print jobs of the first size are assigned to aggregate print job locations of the first size and individual print jobs of the second size are assigned to aggregate print job locations of the second size.
4. The method of claim 1 further comprising printing the aggregate print job on paper, the paper being of a sufficiently large size to accommodate the simultaneous printing of all individual print jobs in the aggregate print job.

5. The method of claim 4 further comprising cutting the paper, packaging and shipping the individual print jobs.

6. A computer-implemented method for creating an aggregate print job intended to be printed and cut to create a plurality of individual printed products, the method comprising:

- a) receiving individual print jobs, each individual print job having an associated printing parameter identifying the size of the product to be created from that individual print job, at least some of the product sizes being different,
- b) defining a two-dimensional aggregate print job having no pre-determined individual print job locations, the aggregate print job being of a sufficient size to accommodate a plurality of individual print jobs in each of its two dimensions,
- c) selecting a first individual print job for placement in the aggregate print job,
- d) placing the individual print job at a location in the aggregate print job,
- e) selecting another individual print job for placement in the aggregate print job,
- f) placing the another individual print job in the aggregate print job in an available location not occupied by any other individual print job, and
- g) repeating steps e) and f) until the aggregate print job filling process is completed.

7. The method of claim 6 wherein the aggregate print job filling process is completed when the aggregate print job no longer has sufficient available space to accommodate additional individual print jobs.

8. The method of claim of 6 wherein the aggregate print job filling process is completed when all qualifying individual print jobs have been placed in the aggregate print job.

9. The method of claim 6 further comprising printing the aggregate print job on paper, the paper being of a sufficiently large size to accommodate the simultaneous printing of all individual print jobs in the aggregate print job.

10. The method of claim 9 further comprising cutting the paper, packaging and shipping the individual print jobs.